

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

April 29, 2014

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, 2nd floor, Providence, RI 02908 on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson-Sawtelle, and Muraina Akinfolarin. Members absent: Carmen Diaz-Jusino and Denise Correy. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC, as well as Ms. Debra Stowik, Ms. Jaclyn Dubois, and Mr. Nicholas Goodier, Esq., from the Law Office of Kelly & Mancini, PC, all representing the firms Ace Concrete Cutting, LLC and Advanced Concrete Cutting, LLC.

The Minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The CRC reviewed recommendations by the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications for certification submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Multilanguage & Services, LLC MBE/DBE RI**
- b) Savant Consulting, Inc. MBE/DBE CA**
- c) Service Contracting, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- d) Urban Focus Louisiana, LLC WBE/DBE LA**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for these firms. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firms for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

The CRC reviewed the recommendation by the MBE Compliance Office regarding an application for certification submitted on behalf of the following firm:

- a) Cumplido Industries, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE Certification for this firm. Motion carried with two votes for the motion (Newton, Akinfolarin) and one abstention (Anderson-Sawtelle). A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firm for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried with two votes for the motion (Newton, Akinfolarin) and one abstention (Anderson-Sawtelle).

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The CRC reviewed the recommendation by the MBE Compliance Office regarding an application for certification submitted on behalf of the following firm:

a) Kite Architects, Inc. MBE/DBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for this firm. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firm for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

The CRC reviewed recommendations by the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications for certification submitted on behalf of the following firms:

a) Ace Concrete Cutting, LLC WBE RI

b) Advanced Concrete Cutting, LLC WBE RI

c) Copley Wolff Design Group, Inc. WBE/DBE MA

d) Masters Building Technologies, Inc. WBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, dependency, affiliation, compensation, capital contributions and the appearance that the firms were structured in

order to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs as applicable. Motion carried unanimously.

The CRC reviewed recommendations by the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications for certification submitted on behalf of the following firms:

a) All In One Drug Testing Services, LLC M/W/DBE NC

b) ESP Enterprises, Inc. DBE TX

After some discussion, these applications were tabled, pending receipt of additional information.

Hearings:

Pool Administrators, Inc. - A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE submitted on behalf of Pool Administrators, Inc., and was attended by Ms. Alyson Bohenko, part owner of the firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, dependency, capital contributions, compensation, and the appearance that the firm may have been structured in order to take advantage of the MBE program, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny WBE certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-State Painting, Inc. – A hearing before the CRC regarding the

application for certification as a DBE submitted on behalf of Tri-State Painting, Inc. was scheduled for this date. Per the request of the applicant, this hearing has now been postponed until Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

Old/New Business:

Due to the number of hearings to be scheduled, the CRC members have agreed to hold at least one interim meeting, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, to address this backlog. Members will be notified of the interim dates as soon as scheduled.

The members of the CRC were advised that Lou Francis has agreed to participate as a member of the CRC, pending approval of the Director of the RI Department of Administration, in order to replace CRC member Denise Correy who is no longer able to participate. Members will be advised when such appointment is finalized.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m